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Dublin, Decemb. 17.

THere were lately scattered here about the Streets, some Letters intimating a Conspiracy against the Life of our Lord Lieutenant, and that it was to be put in execution by one Michael Jephson. Upon which the said Jephson being seized his confest the Design, and that he was perverted from his Religion, and incited (among other inducements) to this Murther; for that his Father Alexander Jephson, had been hanged here at Dublin, for the Plot contrived here in the Year 1663, during the former Government of our Lord Lieutenant. Upon the Confession of this Man, Birne and Plunkett, two Secular Priests, are secur'd, Birne being, as he saith, the first that set him on. There was found in Jephson's Box, a Letter signed by him intended for one Owens a Jesuit, who had also by his Letters from Calais, encouraged Jephson, as he doth confess, to this wicked attempt. But it seems he had lately entertained some thoughts of Repentance, it appearing, that he himself, had scatter'd the Letters, which gave the first occasion of the Enquiry, and upon which a Proclamation was on the 13th instant issued in order to the Discovery.

Vienna, *Dec.* 13. The Emperor and his Ministers have of late been very much taken up in their consultations concerning the present Affairs, as well those that relate to the Peace as to the War; for if the first succeed not, the Preparations for the latter will be made with the greatest vigor and application possible; and it is hoped from the good appearance there is of accommodating matters in *Hungary*, that the Forces which are now in those Parts, to the number of 14 or 15000 Men, may be employ'd against the *French* in the Empire: And it is said here at Court, that if the War continue, the Emperor will have the next Campagne two Armies in the Field, to consist of 25 or 30000 Men each, the one to be commanded by General *Montecuculi*, and the other by the Duke of *Lorrain*. To these Armies, at least to one of them, it is expected the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and the Princes of *Lunenburgh* will join a considerable Force; for though that Elector will be diverted by the *Suedes* in *Prussia*, yet notwithstanding his Envoy assures the Ministers here, that his Master will have a good Body of Men to spare, which he will employ for the defence of the Empire, according as the conjuncture of Affairs shall require.

Dantzick, *Dec.* 13. We have not of late had any account how Affairs stand between the *Turks* and the *Moscovites*, it is probable that the Season having put an end to their Military operations, they are now reposing themselves in their quarters. The last Letters we receeved from *Mosco* only told us, that the Czar was resolved to prosecute the War with all the Force of his Empire, and that he had given Orders for raising the 10th Man throughout all his Dominions, which would bring together a formidable Body. In the mean time People are expecting to see how far the *Poles* will concern themselves in this War, which will be known by the resolutions of the general Dyet, which is now going to be held, at which will be present the Ambassadors from the Emperor, as well as from the Czar of *Moscovy*, both which, it's believed, will endeavor all they can, to bring the *Poles* to take part in the present War against the *Turks*, whom, by their joint Force, they may reasonably hope they shall be able to bring to such terms, as may be more consistent with the Peace and Security of their Neighbors, than those they are at present with them upon, appear to be.

Copenhagen, *Dec.* 13. A few dayes will now produce a determination in the affair of Lieutenant General *Arensdorf*, which hath now depended for several months before the Commissioners appointed to examine it. The King of *Sueden* is with the chief Ministers of his Court at *Helmstadt*, where he will continue till he takes the Field again. By a *Dutch* Vessel arrived from *Stockholme*, we are informed, that they were fitting out their Men of War with the utmost diligence, but that they are in some want of Seamen.

Conings berg. *Dec.* 15. The *Suedes* Army continues encamped, as we told you in our last, leaving us uncertain what their designs are, that is, whether they will advance directly towards this City to attack it, or fall upon some other place, which they may find of use to them. Major General *Gotski* has not yet joined all the Forces that are in this Country together; and though he had, it's said he would not enter into any Action with the Enemy, resolving, it seems, to expect first the rest of the Troops that are coming from *Pomeren*. The *Suedes* endeavor all they can to oblige the Country People to furnish them with Provisions, which in some places they do, notwithstanding the Orders of the Elector to the contrary. It is believed that at the general Dyet which is now holding in *Poland*, some resolution will be taken with relation to the present posture of Affairs in these Parts, for it's said that the *Poles* begin to look with some jealousie upon this advance of the *Suedes* Army so near their Frontiers. In the interim People here are full of fears, to see an Enemy so near their doors, though they are assured that it will not be long before there is an Army in the Field able to oppose all their designs.

Hamburgh, *Dec.* 23. We are expecting with some impatience our Letters from *Denmark*, which will certainly give an account of the loss, it's said, the *Suedes* have at Sea, if there be any thing of it. The discourses that have been very warm here, concerning a League to be entred into by the King of *Denmark*, the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, the Dukes of *Lunenburg*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, begin very much to cool; and, it's said, that the Bishop seems rather to turn all his thoughts towards the endeavouring a Peace, not being of so warlike a disposition as his Predecessor. The Letters from *Berlin* have